

Chapter 32

In Chapter 32 of **Crown of Midnight**, Celaena Sardothien awakens in her own bed, fully aware that her recent ordeal has left her physically and emotionally drained. She realizes that her sedatives are gone, signaling a return to consciousness after days of darkness and captivity. The chapter underscores her sense of isolation, as she reflects on the absence of her friends, particularly Nehemia, who was a source of wisdom and companionship. The loss weighs heavily on her, and her surroundings seem stark and cold compared to the warmth of her memories with Nehemia, highlighting her grief and sense of vulnerability.

Celaena's immediate environment reveals signs of her recent captivity, with her being thoroughly cleaned and cared for, yet she remains emotionally unmoored. Fleetfoot, her loyal dog, is present, providing a small comfort as she contemplates her feelings of loss. Celaena's thoughts drift to her bond with Nehemia, whom she adored deeply and regarded as a kindred spirit. The chapter emphasizes the profound impact of Nehemia's death, which leaves Celaena feeling hollow and questioning her own worth, especially as she mourns in silence and solitude.

A significant internal voice echoes in her mind, calling her a coward, reflecting her inner torment and feelings of helplessness. She is overwhelmed by grief, compounded by her absence from Nehemia's funeral due to her own physical and emotional state. Her inability to participate in the rites symbolizes her sense of guilt and regret, intensifying her sense of powerlessness. The warm presence of the Eye of Elena offers a faint solace, but it cannot fully ease her pain or fill the void left by her friend's death.

The chapter concludes with Celaena's refusal to leave her bed, choosing instead to drown in her sorrow. She spends days in this state of withdrawal, avoiding her responsibilities and the outside world. Her repeated decision to remain in bed underscores her deep despair and the difficulty she faces in confronting her grief. This

introspective silence reveals her vulnerability and the emotional toll of her loss, setting the stage for her ongoing internal struggle and the journey toward healing.

